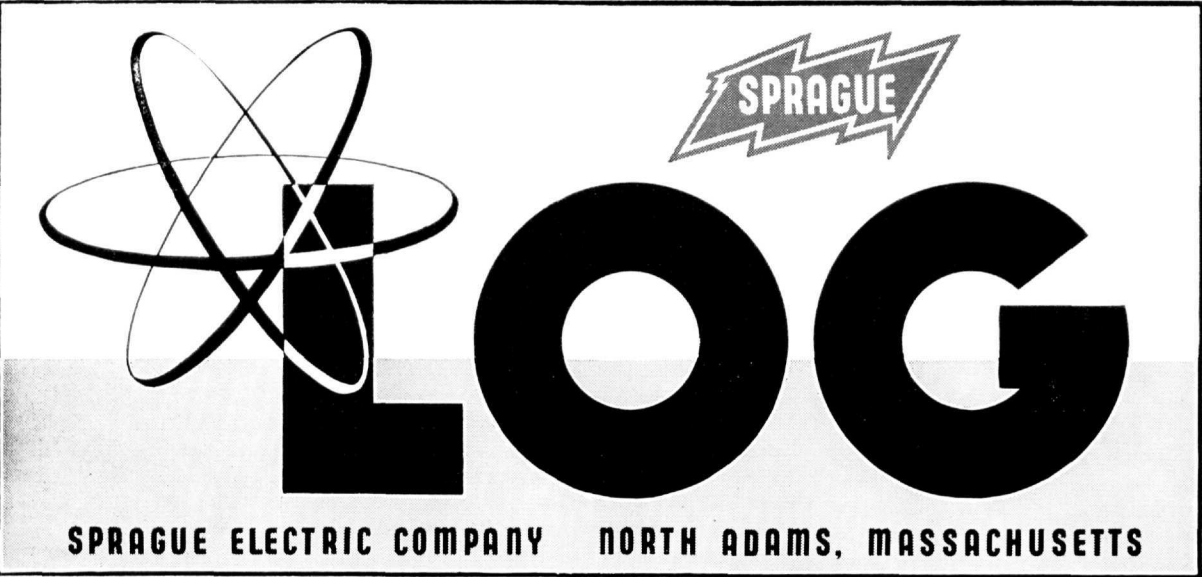


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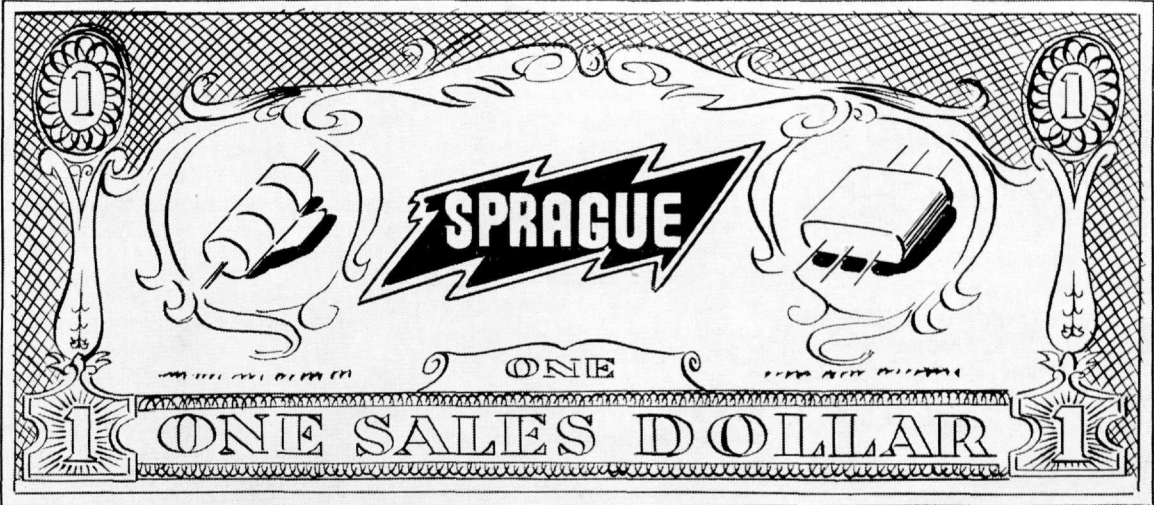
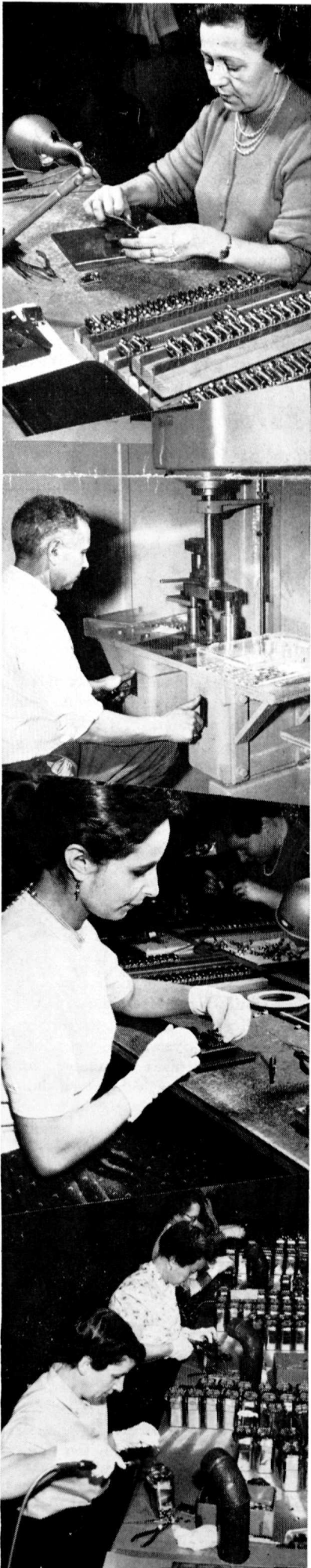
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Our Company's operating results in 1955, its twenty-ninth year of operation, were little changed from those of 1954.

Total Income—the lifeblood of the business—registered \$44,679,836 during 1955 reflecting a 5% increase from the \$42,549,021 which was reported during 1954.











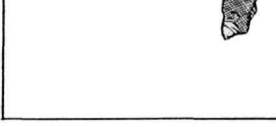


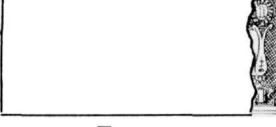


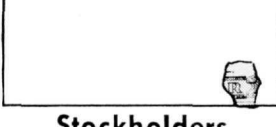




Our Company continued to maintain a position of leadership in the industry during 1955, although to do so has entailed increased expenditures for research and product development. We can look forward to 1956 knowing that we have a sound foundation for future growth.

Speaking for the Company, Messrs. Robert C. Sprague, Chairman of the Board and Treasurer, and Julian K. Sprague, President, have extended their appreciation for your loyal efforts on the Company's behalf.



All of us in the Sprague family had the same interest in 1955 - - -  
the Sales Dollar - - - WHERE DID IT COME FROM? AND WHERE DID IT GO?

*Sprague Electric, just like you - - - has income and expenses, we both have to save a little for that rainy day. Let's see what happened to our dollar in 1955.*

	Out of every dollar you earned in 1955 you spent . . . .		Income		Sprague Electric had a similar problem — out of a total sales of \$44,679,836 let's see how a typical sales dollar was spent.
	Money for doctors, dentists, carpenters and the hosts of people whose services you used.		Labor Costs		Sprague Electric also had to pay wages and salaries. Out of every dollar earned the Company paid . . . . . 45c.
	You also had expenses for groceries, water, heat, and electricity to provide for your family.		Materials & Services		Sprague Electric had to buy many raw materials and services needed to keep our company productive. They cost 36c.
	During the year you probably had to replace or repair your car, refrigerator or television set.		Depreciation		Sprague Electric had to repair and replace worn out equipment. Out of every dollar it cost 3c.
	Uncle Sam took his share.		Taxes		Sprague Electric wasn't exempt either. Out of its gross profits, taxes took more than \$4 million. To each dollar of sales this was . . . . 10c.
	You probably earned money in the form of interest on your savings account or savings bonds.		Stockholders		So Sprague Electric was able to repay the stockholders for the use of their money. Their dividend share of the sales dollar amounted to 3c.
	Finally you put away a nest egg to buy that house, or send your child to college.		Reinvestments		Sprague Electric had to save for expansion, growth and research, insuring employment opportunities for all—retaining out of every sales dollar . . . . . 3c.

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"Every Sprague Employee a Reporter"



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## New Products - - Our Insurance For A Brighter Future

Our jobs depend on the ability of our company to develop and introduce new products into the market. A major event during 1955 was a cross license and engineering interchange agreement with the Philco Corporation in the field of semi-conductors. This will permit the production by Sprague of the Philco Surface Barrier transistor in the new plant to be built at Concord.

Our Research and Engineering Division also made available to the electronic industry a number of new products. Some of these are:

A complete line of Extended Life Electrolytic Capacitors, similar to the high quality units we have been supplying for many years for telephone systems, was made available for military electronics, computers, laboratory test instruments, industrial controls and other applications requiring trouble-free performance over a temperature range which exceeds the normal requirements of telephone operation.

For transistor circuits, we supplemented our TANTALEX® line of tantalum electrolytics with a new line of LITTLE-LYTIC® miniature aluminum electrolytics. In addition to being the smallest aluminum capacitors on the market, these units are characterized by very low leakage currents. They are especially useful in transistorized pocket radio receivers, wireless microphones, personalized wire recorders and similar devices.

An outstanding development in the field of paper capacitors was the introduction of a molded paper tubular capacitor using the new impregnant

HXC®, a solid hydrocarbon, developed in our research laboratories. Outstanding temperature stability and suitability for mechanical assembly make these units ideal for TV and auto radio use.

For several years we have been developing techniques for the manufacture of metallized paper capacitors, and in 1956 were able to make generally available to the trade a complete line of subminiature metallized paper units which are expected to find widespread application in military and industrial equipment where both reliability of service and economy of space are vital considerations.

In resistors, we broadened our line during the year with the addition of PERMASEAL® precision wire-wound resistors, encapsulated in a Sprague-developed plastic embedding material whose performance exceeds even severe military humidity specifications.

The market for continuous-duty AC capacitors in home appliances is growing rapidly. In order to serve better the manufacturers of single-unit air conditioners, we have made available in our UNIPAK® assemblies various combinations of motor-starting electrolytic capacitors and CLORINOL® continuous-duty capacitors for motor-running and fan service. These assemblies provide a custom-tailored, pre-wired package, matched to power factor correction needs, in place of several capacitors requiring individual mounting, wiring and handling, thereby cutting costs and speeding production in the equipment manufacturer's plant.

## "1955 In Review"

The year 1955 was characterized by a generally high level of economic activity. This activity was reflected in the electronics industry, which attained a new sales high of about \$5.4 billion of end products at factory prices. Dollar value of home entertainment products was a major factor in this increase, contributing \$1.7 of the total, but the sharpest percentage gains were in sales of industrial and commercial electronics and replacement parts, which together account for another \$1.3 billion. Military electronic procurement approximated \$2.4 billion.

Markets for electronics in industrial and commercial applications showed sharp increases last year, both for the industry and for the Company. Our sales to the communications, home appliances and office equipment industries continued to grow, reflecting principally the further growth of the new product lines introduced in the past several years. For example, in our specialized magnetic components for digital computers, quantity production was achieved in stabilized designs of pulse transformers, demand for which continues to grow at a gratifying rate, while production of magnetic shift registers was brought successfully through the difficult period of pilot plant production.

Sprague continues to be a leading supplier of component parts for virtually all types of military electronics, and has taken the lead among component manufacturers in the creation of new and better materials, parts and functional assemblies, as well as in achieving a much higher reliability in their design. We continued to supply a wide range of capacitors, resistors, filters, pulse-forming networks, ceramic-coated wire and piezoceramic devices to the Armed Services. Volume of our military business in 1955 was approximately unchanged from the previous year.

The outlook for military business in 1956 is good, as there are indications that the rate of procurement of the newer weapons will soon begin to catch up with the increased appropriations for electronic equipment under the current defense budget.

### Employment

Average monthly employment at Sprague Electric during 1955 was 6,000, compared with 5,000 in 1954.

Membership in the 25-Year Club increased during the year from 12 to 51. The addition of 39 new members to the Club came as the Company marked its own 25th anniversary of operations in North Adams. In addition, we now have 198 employees with 20 years or more of service, 317 employees with 15 years, 957 employees with 10 years, and 2,202 employees with 5 years or more of service.

### Facilities

Demand for new types of components and entirely new standards of precision and control made it necessary for our Company to spend large sums in 1955 on buildings and equipment to insure our competitive lead. At our three North Adams plants, extensive rehabilitation work was carried out to provide a very high degree of cleanliness, combined with controlled atmospheric conditions.

Our electrolytic capacitor plant in Ashe County, North Carolina, was substantially increased in size during the year. Plans are currently under way for an addition to the paper capacitor plant at Barre, Vermont.

The Pacific Division in Los Angeles has attained a worthwhile volume of shipments, and has materially improved service to our West Coast customers. Plans are being made at

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## The Operating Story in 1955

Here in tabular form is the story of our Company's operating record for the year 1955.

You will note that once again the largest single item of cost to the Company was the wages and fringe benefits we received during 1955. This figure reached an all time high of more than 20 million dollars. The table below lists the other cost expenses which our Company had to meet in order to maintain its position in the fast-moving electronic industry.

	1955	1954
Total income.....	\$ 44,679,836	\$ 42,549,021
Paid for raw materials, power, fuel and other purchased items and services.....	15,950,376	16,435,013
Available for the balance of the needs of the business and used as follows:.....	28,729,460	26,114,008
Wages and salaries.....	20,090,813	17,100,169
Wear and tear and amortization.....	1,253,553	1,060,252
Taxes.....	4,278,907	4,497,763
Interest on borrowed money.....	103,059	122,416
Dividends to stockholders.....	1,490,054	1,346,862
Reinvested in plant expansion, inventories, working capital and other needs of the business.....	1,513,074	1,986,546

## Sprague and Automation

During 1955 there was more "to do" about the word Automation than any other in industry's vocabulary. No precise definition of this term as applied to manufacturing processes has been generally agreed upon. In the electronics industry, great advances are being made over the conveyor-belt system which has been the standard mass production method in the assembly of electronic equipment for many years.

The Sprague Electric Co.'s program in the area of automation is two fold. First, in the current stage of appraisal by our customers of the various systems for mechanical assembly of components, we have accepted a responsibility to work closely with the customer on modifications of our products to fit the needs of his particular system, and of supplying these either as samples or as limited-quantity production runs. To the extent that some standardization has begun to take place, it has been possible to offer full lines of Sprague components designed for mechanized assembly. For example, we are in regular production on disc ceramic capacitors with accurately spaced pin terminals, with opposed leads for tape mechanisms, or with flat taper-tab terminals. In paper capacitors, our AUTOCON® tubulars are being supplied in a premolded plastic case having an index key molded into the housing as well as other features necessary for accurate insertion on printed wiring boards. A new line of PUSH-LOK® electrolytic capacitors has special connecting lugs and an index terminal for proper positioning of these relatively heavy units on a wiring board without additional fastening. These and other special types of components for automation have necessitated modifications in our own manufacturing processes which are quite expensive in relation to the volume of business presently available in these lines.

A second and longer-range phase of our program involves the design and production of complex components and subassemblies for either manual or mechanical insertion on printed wiring boards or conventional chassis, and fulfilling the electrical functions of entire circuits or portions of circuits.

In order to minimize the large capital investment which will be required for molds, tools and dies, component manufacturers must individually and severally standardize on as few practical sizes, shapes and terminal connections as possible. However, it is likely to be some time before this standardization can be achieved, and in the meantime revision of component designs is a tremendous task calling for close cooperation among component manufacturers, equipment assemblers and the military agencies. Our Company will continue to devote its efforts in this area to a program which is sound and will be in the best interests of the future of our business.

## Sprague Research

Since electronic parts of the types made by Sprague are basic to all electronic circuits, and equipment designs can be no better than the components available to the circuit engineer.

Our Company has long recognized its responsibility to the equipment manufacturer, and has for many years done outstanding work in the development of improved capacitors, resistors and other parts. Now, however, it is becoming increasingly evident that the advancing frontiers of electronics have pushed the time-honored materials and techniques of parts engineering very close to their ultimate limits, and this has made it vitally important that we seek entirely new physical and chemical phenomena that can be put to use to make electronic components which will fulfill the difficult new requirements of the growing electronic art.

In the past year, our Research and Engineering Division has been increased from 250 to 323 people, including 43 holding master's or doctor's degrees in various fields such as physics, chemistry and electrical, chemical and ceramic engineering. These men have been carefully selected and are leading men in their fields. During this period we have been engaged in a major effort to increase our competence in basic research, and have added considerably to the personnel of the Research Section.

Our Research Section has been active in many fields this past year. Some of the more important programs include: The extensive program of semiconductor research and development in which valuable knowledge has been yielded concerning solid-state reactions fundamental to all semiconductor devices; physical and organic chemical research, in which we have under way studies leading to a better understanding of the mechanism of electrolytic reactions in capacitors; physics and analytical methods research, engaged in devising techniques and instruments for evaluation of new materials having potential component applications; ferroelectric ceramics and ferrites research, in which we are building up an extensive body of knowledge of these new and promising classes of component materials; metallurgical research, which is engaged in a continuing search for new and useful metals and alloys, and in improving our knowledge of the many metals already in use. We also have a radio-activity group which is studying radiation phenomena as they apply to the design and operation of electronic parts.

The Product Development Section was extensively reorganized and its facilities rearranged to make better use of our engineering staff. Several dozen new products were brought to the stage of possible marketing in 1956. Activities in the field of printed circuits and encapsulated subassemblies were stepped up sharply, and increased emphasis was placed upon miniaturized components for transistor circuits.





**Nathan M. Levinson  
Named Mgr. Industrial  
Capacitor Division**

Appointment of Nathan M. Levinson as Manager, Industrial Capacitor Division, has been announced by Neal W. Welch, vice president in charge of sales.

In his new post, Mr. Levinson will be responsible for sales of Sprague industrial power factor correction capacitors to industry and utilities. Mr. Levinson has been connected with the Sprague organization since 1950 in developmental and sales capacities on carrier current and radio noise location equipment. He succeeds Jesse M. Allison, who has resigned.

A registered professional engineer, Mr. Levinson is a graduate of Purdue University. Prior to joining Sprague, he was senior field engineer for the Rural Electrification Administration in the northeastern United States.

Mr. Levinson resides at 25 May Terrace, Pittsfield, with his wife, Beatrice, and his three children.



"I ignored the Safety rules. What's your story?"



A specialized training program for Field Engineering and Sprague Products personnel was held recently under the supervision of the Employee and Community Relations department. Shown above is the group which participated: usual order — Kenneth Price, of the Sprague Products Chicago office; Millard Porter, field engineer from our Pacific Division; John J. Gumbleton and John P. Campbell of Employee and Community Relations who conducted the tour; Ronald Kelstrup, Pacific Division sales engineer; Irwin Hanke, Boston office sales engineer, and Al Coumout, Sprague Products, North Adams. Missing when the picture was taken was Andrew Furgeson of the Boston Sprague Products office.

**Four Scholarships  
To Be Awarded  
Grads This June**

The Sprague Electric Company again this year will make four scholarship awards to worthy graduates of high schools in the Northern Berkshire region. Applications will be accepted from 1 April to 31 May 1956.

Awards will be made for the following classifications:

The Sprague Electric Scholarship Fund Award, established in 1950, will be conferred on a graduate of Drury High School whose father or mother is in the active employ of the Sprague Electric Company. This award is for a maximum of \$500 a year for a period of not more than four years of higher education. The recipient must major in college in a field that could lead to eventual work with a company of the type of Sprague Electric. The recipient is selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, all around ability, leadership and financial need.

Two Sprague Electric Engineering Scholarship Fund Awards will be made. The engineering awards are for a grant of \$500 to a worthy high school graduate who enters a cooperative course of higher education in the field of engineering. Persons graduating from a high school located within 25 miles of North Adams are eligible.

The company will also make an award from its Sprague Electric Nursing Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1954. The nursing award is for a grant of \$400 to a high school graduate who is entering an accredited school of nurses' training within 25 miles of North Adams.

The Company announced that the scholarship awards will be made at Class Night or graduation ceremonies at the high schools concerned. Selection of the scholarship winners will be made by the Sprague Electric Scholarship Committee which functions within the Company's Employee & Community Relations Department.

Anyone interested in any of these scholarships should contact the Career Guidance Director at their son's or daughter's high school or the Employee and Community Relations Department of the Sprague Electric Company.

**Facilities**

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present to establish a similar filter engineering laboratory in conjunction with our sales office at Dayton, Ohio, to service customers in the Midwest.

**Suggestion Awards  
Mount Up - - Eight  
Given Last Month**

Eight employees have cashed in on the Suggestion System within the past month. Each received a check for \$25 for his idea.

The group included:  
Gerald Cronin, Shipping — Mr. Cronin advocated simplifying the shipping procedures for materials brought from local suppliers which are to be sent directly to the various branch plants.

Lec Moreau, Jr., A. C. Dry Assembly — Mr. Moreau proposed the use of a simplified card in the A.C. capacitor operations.

Mr. Moreau also received an additional award for two suggestions which pertain to the same subject. These suggestions advocate elimination of certain sizes of foil and paper in rolling of condensers.

Florence Toyne and Norman Bourdon, Industrial Oil Impregnation, proposed the use of a bakelite test tube holder for testing. Their proposal has been placed in use and is a saver of test tubes.

Harry Brierly, Shift Registers, — Mr. Brierly suggested the use of a new type of mold for use in the Magnetics Department.

Frank Pushee, Machine Shop — Mr. Pushee advocated a new type of rolls for formation machines.

Julia Desrosiers, Filters — Mrs. Desrosiers advocated a method of rolling cylindrical type sections in the Network and Filter Assembly room.

Lawrence Hiser, Magnetics — Mr. Hiser suggested a new process for the manufacture of pulse transformers.

**Patent News**

Two patents have been issued to the Company in recent weeks. They were Letters Patent 2,734,035, entitled "Dielectric Compositions", submitted by Sidney D. Ross, head of the Organic Section of the Research & Engineering department and Irving Kuntz, who is presently employed by Esso Research and Engineering Company, and Letters Patent 2,735,970, entitled "Electrical Condensers" granted to David B. Peck, Supervisory Engineer and Preston Robinson, Director-Consultant. Both

patents have been issued to the Sprague Electric Company by the respective inventors.

The former patent deals with the use of stabilizing agents for the impregnating materials which serve as dielectrics in capacitors. The value of a stabilizing agent lies in the fact that the insulation resistance of dielectrics at normal and elevated temperatures is much improved over the insulation resistance of non-stabilized dielectrics. The use of a stabilizer further greatly increases the operational life of capacitors at elevated temperatures.

The latter patent teaches the production of a capacitor by convolutely winding electrode foils and planar oriented Mylar films, with the usual terminal tabs merely inserted into the roll at the proper positions, and then heating the unit so as to relax the orientation of the films to produce a shrinkage of the films which results in a tightening of the entire condenser section and an imprisonment of the tabs in place.

Both of these patents are examples of the productive research being conducted within the various sections of the Research & Engineering Department of our company. The impressive list of over 160 active Sprague patents has now grown greatly, with high expectations that its growth will continue.

**SAFETY SALUTE**

Phil Talarico's Traffic and Shipping Department on Marshall Street can be very proud of its record of more than 33 months without a lost-time accident.

The department employs approximately 34 people, with the majority engaged in the physical end of shipping. This group is exposed to the hazards usually associated with the moving of equipment. The greatest one is strain from lifting. Some others include dropping boxes, injury from use of handtrucks, injuries associated with the loading of trucks, and mishaps in the use of the conveyor system.

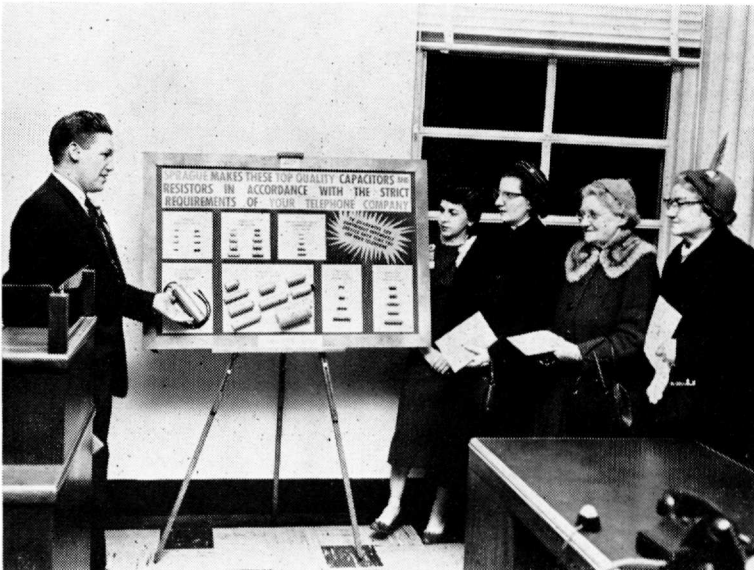
Mr. Talarico's safety success formula is one that is very simple — good house keeping plus a continuous safety consciousness on the part of supervisor and employee. There are no sudden bursts of safety instruction, instead, an employee is instructed as to the safe and correct way every time he is spotted doing his job in some way that might cause an accident.

(Editor's note: Mr. Talarico has been elected First Vice-President of the Berkshire Traffic Association, an organization of industrial and commercial traffic men of which he has been an active member for the past 15 years.)



Photo by Vogue Valliers Studio

"INTRODUCING MISS MARCH" -- Gail Boucher. This little 18-year-old charmer -- a newcomer to the Company -- works in Sprague Products. She is a resident of Adams and graduated from Adams High last June. Her hobbies include dancing and swimming.



James Lowthers, former manager of the local New England Telephone office, is shown above explaining the Sprague display to four unidentified visitors. This was part of the open-house activities held by the telephone company during the month.

# Marshall Street Employee Is "Spare-Time Artist"

## Barbara Slade Armstrong Creates Imaginative Holiday Outdoor Scenes

Goblins — witches — elves — reindeer — wisemen! Any and all of these come to life at the well-known Musterfield House in Clarksburg, owned by Mr. and Mrs. C. Stafford Slade, each time a holiday rolls around.

Responsible for this artistic outlet is Mrs. Barbara Armstrong, daughter of the Slades, whose outstanding displays attract viewers from miles around.

The Musterfield House, which is approximately 150 years old, is the perfect setting for Barbara's detailed artwork, its uncluttered Colonial architecture providing the simple background needed to compliment her talent.

Barbara, who has been an employee of Sprague Electric for the past two years in the Warehouse and Receiving department, has had no professional training — everything she does is original and free-hand. Her workshop is located in a single room of her home and from this room her delightful scenes come to life. The majority of her figures are completed in less than a half hour, including the preliminary sketching and final paintwork.

To give an idea of the popularity which has been given to Barbara's handiwork here in part is a short article which appeared in the North Adams Transcript when one of her exhibits was on display: "On arriving home Christmas night from a tour of the area to view other holiday displays, members of the C. Stafford Slade family of Middle Road, Clarksburg, were unable to get in their own driveway because of the numerous cars parked near their home, attracted by the Slades own display. Late in the evening, they turned off all the lights but horn blowing motorists forced the Slades to again light the display. As many as 50 cars at one time have been counted at the home."

Besides doing outdoor scenes, a few years ago, Barbara went into making framed oil paintings on black velvet squares. Scenes done on the velvet included flowers, ballet dancers, woodland scenes and many other subjects. Although she does not do as much work on the velvet now, she does occasionally paint one for a friend or some other reason.



Barbara Armstrong is shown above with some of her framed and unframed oil paintings done on velvet squares, a hobby she developed a few years ago. Also shown are some of the elves and the Santa Claus which were used in her Christmas display that year.



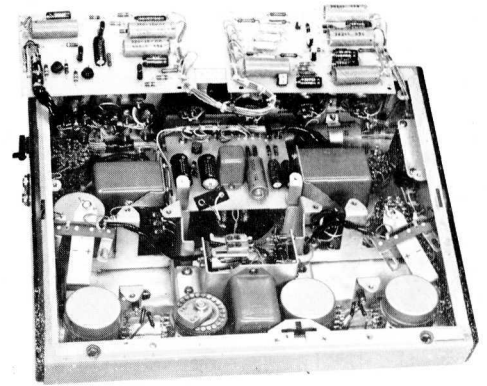
The simplicity of this 150 year old colonial home in Clarksburg each time provides an excellent setting for Barbara's imaginative creations. Shown above is her Christmas display which featured "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer".



Above—Putting the last touches on another pumpkin for her Halloween display is Barbara Armstrong. Barbara has shown artistic talent since a youngster and each Christmas and other holidays fixes up her parents' Musterfield House in Clarksburg.

Left—This past Christmas, the Nativity scene was done by Barbara. She does all the art work and her father, C. Stafford Slade, does the heavy job of securing the figures! It takes her about a half-hour to complete one figure such as a wiseman in this scene.

## Where Our Products Go . . .



Pictured above, without outside cover, is the new transistorized 4-channel remote amplifier (212Z-1) manufactured by the Collins Radio Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for use by radio broadcasting stations. This is the most light-weight and most compact amplifier of its type being manufactured. It is used for on-the-spot broadcasts which originate away from the broadcasting stations. Collins has chosen Sprague components because of our reputation for reliability which is a result of your fine workmanship.



### FOR SALE

G. E. Dryer, brand new. \$100. Call Adams 49 anytime.

Heatrola, large, coal or wood fired, heats 4 rooms, excellent condition, \$25. 80 feet 1 1/4 inch steel baseboard heating element — rectangular fin tube, brand new, \$2.00 foot. 1 inch bronze body circulator — brand new, \$60. Various controls.

Hot water heating tank and coal stove with ring. \$15.

Gravity hot air furnace, complete with duct and registers for 5 rooms, coal or wood fired. \$25.

Kodatron Model No. 1 speedlamp, 200 watt second input, 1/5000 sec flash duration. \$175.

For all of these call Adams 1381-J anytime.

10 Element Yagi antenna for Channel 4-5-6. 20 foot mast, guy wires, lead wire. 4 months old. \$25.00. Astatic Booster — \$20.00. Call MO. 3 3082 between 5 and 8 any evening.

2 tubeless tires. \$30 for both. Size: 6-70-15. 1 month old. Call Williamstown 733-M.

Drop leaf White sewing machine. Standard (pedal) type. Good condition. Also 1/4 metal bed with inner spring mattress. Dial MO: 3-5661 anytime.

Green and black hard top Plymouth convertible. White wall tires. 1952 model - 2 door. Radio, heater — all equipped. Excellent condition. \$775. Dial MO: 4-9677.

### FOR RENT

6-room apartment. Heat and hot water furnished. Call Adams 543-RK.

### WANTED

Rolls for player piano. Call Adams 1571-W.

Riders from Adams to Marshall or Brown Street plants on 8-5 shift. Telephone Adams 1752-J.

## (W M G T)

The Adams Chamber of Commerce deeply feels the loss of WMGT — Television Station and requests that the newspapers in the area run the following as a public service:

### We say it, - - - Will you?

To WMGT Television Station, Mt. Greylock:  
Our thanks for a task well done. We are hoping for your early return to the air. — We miss you.

WMGT has been an asset to the area it serves. Let's extend a helping hand. Show them you're behind them. Sign your name to this in the above space and have your friends do the same, then mail to the Adams Chamber of Commerce, WMGT, Committee, Adams, Mass.  
The more signatures the better!! Do it now!!!



# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS . . .



## Pulse Transformers (nights)

by Betty Barcomb

Welcome to the new girls in our department. They are Shirley Maxwell, Flavia Gilmore, Judy Walker, Ruth Wright, Joyce McGrath and Gisele Del Negro. Two of our girls have left to await the arrival of the stork. Each girl was presented with gifts for their blessed events. Good luck to Rita Brooks and Dora Cohen. Barbara Leonardo has left for California. (Hope to hear from her soon.) Rita Lusier has left and Doris Daniels, Rita Brooks, Isabelle Corbesiero and Ann Sharon have all returned from their vacations all rested and ready to go. Because of Lent, everyone will be either a scarecrow or beanpole by the time Easter comes. Candy and cake are constantly being refused. There'll be many size 7's sold this spring.

## Hi-Reliability

Marion Andrews & Valarie Piantoni

Everyone is getting ready for Easter. Your reporters wish to extend to everyone a Happy Easter. Peggy Lauth was one of the lucky ones to win a fur coat at the Boston Store during the Washington Birthday Sale. Pete, just what is a flub-a-dub? We are glad to see Pauline Beliveau and Marie Gattuso back on days. Also welcome, Florence Carno, after a sick leave. Alice Boneville's daughter Carole had her tonsils out. She sure was glad when it was all over. We mothers do worry and have our problems. Doris Monette will be putting out a shingle soon. She is becoming quite a sewer. We were sorry to hear about Norma LaBree breaking her elbow. Hurry back, Norma. Eva Jowett is on a month's leave of absence. Hurry back for we all miss you. It only took the help of two co-workers for Francis Laghi to be able to knit a pair of mittens. Has anyone seen any nineteen double "o's" anywhere? That is Teddy Pierce's biggest problem. Keep looking, Teddy. Our eight hour day just wouldn't be complete without Claire Cantoni's blushing face, Dorothy Wolkowicz's eating a half dozen buns every morning, Tootie Choquette's hiccups, and Dorothy Saulnier's one-a-day orange. Alice Albertazzi would like another pet since her cat died. A pet that has a white stripe across his back is living in my back yard, you may have him, Alice. Is it a bird or a plane? Why no, it's only Shirley Brown whizzing by.



Little Sherry Lee Pierce is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierce—her daddy is a supervisor in the IBM room on Beaver Street.

## Shift Registers

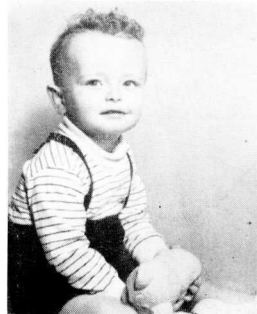
by Theresa Morin

A speedy recovery is wished to Janet Haas. Welcome back to Julia Gregal after your recent illness. Also, welcome to all the new girls. Hope you enjoy working with us. The place is smiling again since Sonia Drawec has come back after her recent illness. Does anyone have rubber fenders for Ronnie Dean? Seems as though they were tested for durability. Agnes Chesbro has now completely reformed. She has also lost her nickname. Seems as though Miriam Buzzell had trouble finding where she lives. I wish someone could straighten out the matter for her. Lent has brought out the best in everyone. Alice Badorini is staying true to her sacrifice of giving up smoking. Helen Burdick's resolution hasn't been broken either. She doesn't write notes and Jane Pollack has given up corny jokes. All these brightly shining halos have caused a few of us to dig out our sunglasses. Mearl Burdick has made us proud to have him working with us. He has suggested many improvements for our work. Recognition is also sent to Miriam Buzzell on her award for her very sensible suggestion. Hazel Goddard has a very profitable hobby, raising canaries. The major problem is the breaking of eggs when you drop them, right Hazel???

## Special Products Dept.

by Nina Underwood

We miss Jane Boucher who has left the department to take an office job on Marshall Street. The welcome mat is out for Alice Booth. Ronny Crockett's daughter, Linda, has returned home from the hospital. We also miss Janet Tatrow who is taking a leave of absence.



This cute young fellow is James Russell Noel, the two year old son of Russell of Maintenance and grandson of Edith who works in Metal Clad.



"Well now, imagine that!" says Beryl Shaw, Jr., son of Virginia Shaw who worked in the F.P. Ovens and grandson of Harry and Sophie Embry.

## Misc. Paper Finish

by Gert Noel

On March 9, all the gang honored our supervisor, Frank Major, who was celebrating his sixty-sixth birthday. Frank was presented a gift and a beautiful cake which was very good. MMM! Glad to hear Mary Lataif has returned home from the North Adams hospital and sincerely hope she will soon be back with us. Our sick list has run up and down the scales this winter and we hope that all those who fell before one virus or another are on the "well list" to stay. Martha LaValley has left us to await Mr. Stork. Upon completion of her work, Martha was presented some lovely gifts for the baby-to-be. The welcome mat is rolled out for Genevieve Gorczakowski, Betty Wol, Helen Aliprandie and Barbara Dami. Hope you enjoy working with us. Edna Cwierniewicz and Stephanie Kulpa enjoyed a trip to Springfield where they took in the Flower Show. Frances Gayda had a gay time at the Ice Follies in Boston. Our desk clerk Rose Bombardier decided she couldn't take running up and down these stairs any longer, so she moved her desk back into our department right in its original spot. Welcome home. Our foreman Art Spencer is very busy working weekends fixing up his new home in Stamford, so that it'll be ready to move in come warm weather. Margaret Accetta is very proud of her young son Francis who is taking organ lessons at St. Francis Church. What's this I hear about Ray Guyette being first in the line to get tickets for the recent stage show at a local theatre? We also heard that he was a little disappointed. Well, it wasn't the Zeigfield Follies, you know.

## Paper Rolling (Days)

Joan Hyndman and Frances Miles

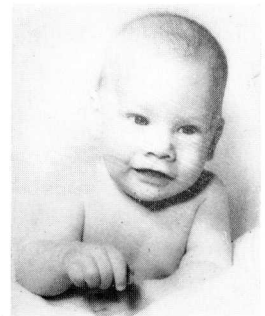
What is going on in this department? There must be a mint hidden somewhere here by the looks of everyone getting new cars. Flo Gaffey has a new Chevrolet and Lena Solomon, a new Ford. Tell me, what do I do to get one??? We wish Joe Farley a belated birthday greeting. Nancy Cook has an anniversary on March 3—she's had her driver's license for one year. We wish the best of everything to Jean Perras who has left us to become an X-ray technician. Eva King is looking for everything white for her bedroom. What's going on, Eva? Roma Sacco almost knocked herself unconscious the other day. Yes, Roma, that window is really there. We're glad to have Nan Cook back with us after a short visit to the hospital and we also wish Blanche Mazur a speedy recovery from the hospital. Hurry back, Blanche. Esther Shea is a happy girl, and no wonder, her husband

Chuck Shea, is home from the service, for good, after 4 years. So long—we'll see you next month.

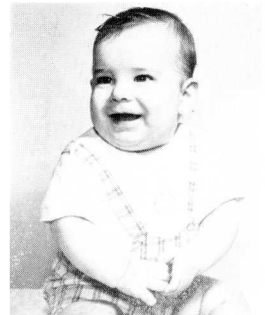
## Transformers

Cora Ryan and Jean MacDonald

Flash—North, South, East, West—please tell Pete Law and Jim Nicol what direction the sun comes up! Belated birthday greetings to Isabel Lipinski and Walt Gould. Banana muffins are Lucille Lewis's favorite delight. How about a copy of that recipe? We haven't seen any gold stars floating in the air lately for our bowling team. Let's cheer a little bit louder for our Nicolettes. We say farewell very reluctantly to James DeSanty who is leaving our lab. After a farewell party which was held at the Heartwellville Lodge on February 28, Jim sure knows he'll be missed by all. Good luck, Jim. Get well wishes are being sent out to Mae Goodrich who is ill at home, and to Dottie Thomas, convalescing from a recent operation; also to George St. Cyr, husband of Anna St. Cyr, who is ill at the Deaconess Hospital in Boston. A good time was had by Margaret Perreault who spent a weekend in Connecticut recently. Jean MacDonald would like to teach Aggie Vanni how to drive after her recent mishap. But, by the way, who is going to teach Jean? Anyone wish a party? Cora Ryan's rumpus room is just the place. A few of the girls found this out after a rollicking good time at her home. Margaret Perreault and Carol Gamache really kept the party alive and the spaghetti was delicious. Welcome to all the new girls who have joined us. Get well wishes to John Murphy, husband of Helen, who is also in the Deaconess



Although he is only 2½ months old, John Arthur Heyes, son of Arthur Heyes, seems to know exactly what he wants!



Quite a boy is David Alan Lamoureux, 10 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamoureux. Father works in the A.C. Department on Marshall Street and Mother in the IBM Assembly room on Beaver Street.

Hospital. Our department was grief stricken by the death of Doris Armstrong, our union representative; sympathies are extended to her family.

## Metal Clad

Emma Alongi and Veronica Sobon

Jerry Bressette was one of the lucky ones who attended the basketball game between Adams High—the Berkshire County Champions—and St. Peters Central High from Worcester, at the Springfield College Field House. Alice Domin and Pete Rondeau recently celebrated their birthdays and were presented gifts and a cake by their co-workers. Pete Rondeau has left our department and now works in Hi-Reliability. With him go our best wishes. We welcome back from sick leave Florence Fellows and Shirley Morgan. Recently discovered some hidden talent, the possessor of which wishes to remain anonymous. Claire Daniels is now the proud owner of a 1955 Plymouth and a thoroughbred Boxer dog—1955 model. Our desk clerk Pauline Barrett is out on sick leave. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## Paper Impregnation and Small Order Metal Clad

by Agnes Fitzgerald

We all miss Eva Thibodeau who is still on the sick list. Rose Vallieres has returned to work and we are all glad that her young daughter, Diane, who had pneumonia is on the road to recovery. Kathy Gifford spent a week in Virginia where her grandfather Mr. W. E. Hobson was very ill. George Klucky, our sportsman, tells us over 170 rabbits have been released in the area. When Letty Demo gets her picture in the paper, she takes the whole page. Letty and her son Billy attended the Houghton Branch Library on February 28, where the hobby interests of the children were on display. Sporting a new Nash is none other than May Lelave. Mary Benson is getting ready for a big event. Her baby Lawrence will celebrate his 21st birthday on March 25. However, Mary doesn't want everyone to get the idea that she is old. Jeanne Dufresne attended the Ice Follies in Boston on February 19, and also went to New York for a weekend during January. Paul Miller, 6 year old son of Raymond, fell on the way to school on March 8 and broke his leg. Here's hoping he'll be up and around real soon.



"The girl with a twinkle in her eye." That's Diane Marie Poirot, 2 year old daughter of Louis of the Sample department on Marshall, and Ruth, formerly of the IBM room. She is also the niece of Claire, Rita and Jean Poirot, all on Beaver Street, Marceline and Adeline Poirot and Dolly and Reggie Rowett at Marshall Street.



Networks and L.C.C.

by Irene Pigeon

We were all sorry to say goodbye to John Muldowney but also were happy to say hello to Stanley Bagdon, our new foreman. We wish good luck to both of them in their new departments. "Roz" Vincellette has been walking around with a smiling face recently. The reason: she just moved into her new home in Williamstown. We wish a speedy recovery to Stephanie Driscoll's husband who recently returned home from the hospital. One of our co-workers, Rose Walczek, entered the hospital for observation. We hope you'll be back with us soon. We also hope Thomas O'Neil feels better. Tommy had an attack of appendicitis.

Industrial Oils Final Assembly

by Charles Felix

The welcome mat goes out this month to greet the following new faces in our department—Irene Delisle, Doris Paquin, Helen Williams, Emma Tanguay, Eda Unis, Lillian Trombley, Edward LaFleche, Joseph Raczk, Ernest Blondin, Ralph Burdick and our new foreman John Muldowney. Ray Brown was given a farewell gift before leaving the department to take up his new duties in the Chlorinol department. Everyone wishes Ray the best of luck. An interesting note was brought to our attention by Bill Drury. It was this: three out of our four last foreman have been left handed (Kenny Russell, Ray Brown and John Muldowney.) A few think Bernie Fitzpatrick might have been also but of this no one was sure. We have three people on leave from our room. They are Cecilia Maxymillion, Beatrice Ponti, and Germaine Molleur. Bill Drury passed out cigars recently in honor of his new daughter who was born on March 4. March was a big month for the Drurys. Both Bill and his wife celebrated their own birthdays on March 1 and Bill's vacation started on March 12. and just to keep the record straight, it's a 1956 Mercury for Celeste Niece.

Misc. Resistor Assembly

by Jean Levy

We're happy to report that our supervisor, Art Bissaillon, is improving every day, and we all hope that he will soon be back to work with us. We all miss you, Art. Our co-worker Blanche Tatro recently had a bad fall and injured her leg. Hope you will be back with us by the time this is out, Blanche. Jessica Pike and her husband are enjoying a month's vacation in California. One of our former co-workers



Ann M. Sherry is the daughter of Grace Sherry of the Filter Department. Ann recently became a Registered Nurse.

Priscilla Sherman, was guest of honor at a pink and blue shower recently. The hostess was another former co-worker, Connie Hagan. Mary LaDame and yours truly attended. A perfect hostess is Mary LaDame, who recently gave a personal shower in honor of one of her friends, Theresa Bushika, who is to be married in May.

KVA

by Frank Santelli

Bill Pasotti of the KVA room is the new weather man. His predictions have been coming true this year and his latest was that the last snow storm we had would be the end. Let's hope this is true! Doc Logan is getting his fishing equipment ready for the trout season and is making flies in his spare time. Frank Santelli says the Yankees and the Dodgers will be playing the World Series in October. What—already yet???? Eleanor and Millie are getting all ready for Easter.

Industrial Oils Cover Assembly

by Isabel Withrow

First of all, Betty Nichols and Ann O'Dell want to thank Doris Pepin for the lovely chocolate cake she baked for their six month anniversary here at Sprague's. Why doesn't someone ask Henry who sat him on the floor??? Someone better tell Betty Nichols that in Massachusetts you have to pay an excise tax on cars and you also have to put money in the parking meters. Oh, by the way, does Aime Morin take a good picture. Ask him if you can swap a few. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Duprat have a new baby girl, Donna Marie, which makes Isabel Withrow a proud grandmother. Congratulations and best wishes to Betty Nichols' daughter, Barbara, who married Joseph Cozzaglio. Birthday greetings to Lillian Flaherty, Letty Perra, Guido Libardoni and Aime Morin.

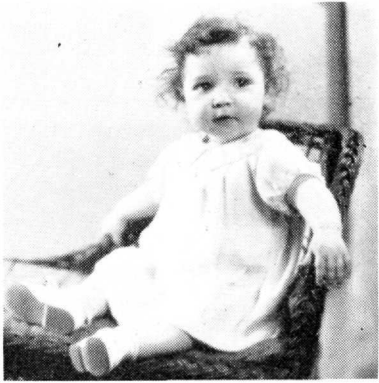


Shown above is Beverly Ann Andrews, daughter of Marion Andrews of the Hi-Reliability department on Beaver Street.



Chosen "Girl of the Month" at Maria Assumpta Academy in Petersham, Mass., was Sandra Isherwood, the granddaughter of Martha Isherwood of the Filter Department.

GUESS WHO ?



GUESS WHO! This young miss has grown up since this picture was taken and is now employed in the Maintenance Cost Control department. Well, if you haven't guessed yet, it's Shirley Ferrari, at the age of 1 1/2 years!



Another GUESS WHO! Can't imagine who this little tot in the tub is, can you? If you look closely, you can see that it's Judith Mae Kelyer at the tender age of 11 months. Judith also works in the Maintenance Office.

Sandia Coolers

by Dorothy Bell Baker

Elinor Alibozek has a noon-time job. Floor-walker at J. J. Newberry's. Like the lucky strike orchestra we Sandia rollers say so long for a while, to Rita Charron, Florence Dupre and Rita Zoito who have been temporarily transferred. Most popular girl of 1956 goes to Florence Dupre for the birthday celebration the girls gave her. If you want to see Theresa Matuszak smile—just pass the cake. Who is the dark-haired girl who tiptoes into work in her stocking feet each morning? Cooler No. 2 must be very cool! All the girls are knitting gay boleros. Mary Dean being the last to join the knitting club. All instructions are furnished by Emma Montagna.

Industrial Oils Rolling (nights)

by Lorraine Tanguay

Sorry your reporter missed last month, but I'll try to bring the news up to date. We all miss Nickey Fredricks who got transferred to the day shift. Virgie Blondin was all excited about going to the Alert's Ball. Glad she had a nice time. Sorry to have



Shown while vacationing in Havana, Cuba, are Mr. and Mrs. George Simon, right, and a friend. George works in the Small Order department on Beaver Street.

Phyllis King out with the virus. Hurry and get well, Phyllis. Rose Gaspardi is busy moving into her new apartment. Hope you like it Rose. We all extend our sympathy to Tony Zwiercan on the recent death of his mother. The main topic in our room is the girls going to the Midway every Thursday after shopping. Everyone seems to have a nice time. Hope each and all have a nice Easter.

Industrial Oils Rolling

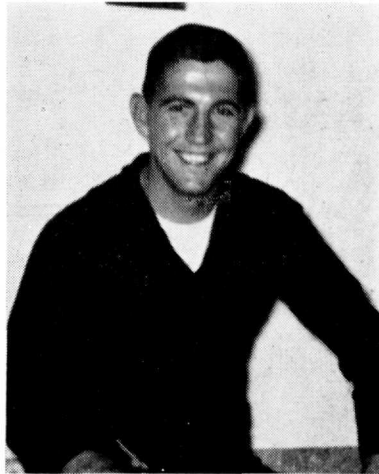
by Erminia Sweeney

Arlene Montgomery has taken a leave of absence. She is expecting a newcomer in the near future. The girls presented her with a carbed for the future Miss or Mr. Dot Bastien sure can whip up a mean cake—delicious too! Hello to the new girls—Irene Davis and Jackie Chapin. Ann Sacco is back at work again. Alice Beauchamp's mother is home from the hospital and is doing nicely. Kenny Russell and his wife attended the Flower Show in Springfield recently and brought some flowers back with them. Liz Slattery also went to the show. Frannie Delisle and his two sons went skiing over the weekend. Rita Fournier has started her spring cleaning. Rose Dupre spent a recent weekend in Pittsfield. Ann Wabnig is back in our midst again after being in another department for a few weeks. Laura Lanoue received a painful injury to her hand recently when it got caught in a car door.

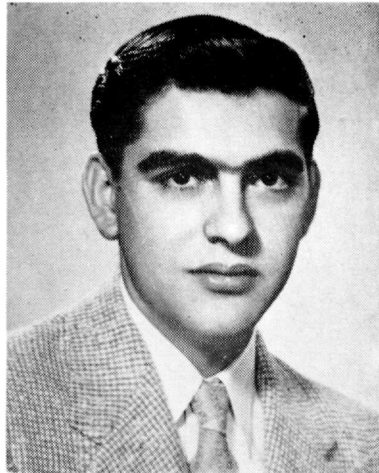
Hi-Quality Line

by Mae O'Neil

Hi folks—sorry I didn't get the news in last month but we'll try to keep you up-to-date from now on. First of all a hearty welcome to Ella Nary, Rene Brassard and Ann Gentile who are working with us. Beware pedestrians! The doll of the Salvage line, "Willy" has obtained his driving license. Bad news has finally come to the high-



Pictured here is Philip Collins of the U.S. Navy, brother of Cathy Collins of Retail Sales, while in the Machine Shop of the ship Kawishiwi.



George Frederick Morse, is the son of Linwood Morse, watchman at Brown Street. George just recently was promoted from Private to Pfc. in the Marine Corps. Before entering the service he worked for Chuck Blouin.

quality line. Kitty is losing her Ipana smile. Happy anniversary to Izzy Pindick and his wife Ruth, who have had 16 years of wedded bliss. Izzy is the bird lover of our line. Get well wishes go out to Esther Prendergast who is in the hospital for an operation. Ann Gentile had the thrill of her life recently when her husband took her out for a drive. They were riding through Cherry Court in Pownall on their way to Bennington when a herd of about 18 deer crossed the highway. Ann still hasn't gotten over her surprise.

Clorinol

by Dot LaDue

A party was held at Helen Falco's home where the girls had a wonderful time. Pizza pie was served with cheese and hot sausage. Reason for the affair was a cosmetic display, which incidentally, Ruth Beaudin really enjoyed. We would like to wish Louise Doran the best of luck in her future home in Connecticut. Louise moved to be with her parents. We all miss her. Congratulations to Ray Brown, who is our new foreman. Best of luck to Ken Russell. It's been swell working for you. I wonder if anyone likes spaghetti like Jean Schonfelder? Anita Lescarbeau is another big eater! Where do these small girls put it? Walt Brame was elected union representative in Clorinol Assembly. Congratulations. A hearty welcome is extended to all the new girls.

KVA Stockroom

by Ace Samia

We are all sorry to have lost Ralph Burdick to Industrial Oils, but we wish him lots of luck on his new job. The gang in KVA wish Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown the best in their new apartment. Marie Ducharme and husband Moe are also happy in their new apartment. We see Phil Sprague's son is starting to walk. It won't be long before Junior will be following Daddy around the house. Harold Brown will soon be passing out cigars in the observance of his son's coming marriage. Mr. Brown will be getting a wonderful daughter. He finally has a truck to himself, too, after being a helper to Ace Samia. Ace has the run from North Adams to Kingston and seems to enjoy it very much.

Small Order

by Tiny Knights

Sunny Cozzaglio, recently had a vacation in sunny Florida. Millie Conroy celebrated her birthday last month and received a new wedding band to match her diamond. A very pretty set, Millie. Albina Burdick has a new granddaughter named Kathleen Marie. Della Pilling celebrated her 21st anniversary last month. Congratulations to you both! Sally Talarico has a new hair-do. Very becoming. Felix Rondeau is recuperating from a gash on his arm.



Nancy Embry, a senior at St. Joseph High School, is the daughter of Harry and Sophia Embry.



## Marshall Street MEMOS

### Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmela Mancuso

Our weather man these days is trying his best to let us know that spring is really on its way, and that Easter is creeping up. Also, another year has gone, and taxes are being paid once again. February 21 was a busy day for Den Mother Corinne Simon. Yes, Corinne has charge of 9 cub scouts and enjoys working with these youngsters very much. A blue and gold banquet was held at the St. Francis' cafeteria in recognition of the 46th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. At the banquet, Corinne's son, Stevie, was awarded bear and denner stripes.

### Centrifuge

by Belle Mahar and Dom Pisano  
Hi folks! If you remember, last month Harvey Valliers had a birthday. He received a parakeet from his wife and parakeet food from his daughter. Whose birthday was it, Harvey???? Jack Sullivan spent three weeks in Florida. Harry LaPlante is working again. We're glad to see your arm is better, Harry. We are all happy to have Sam Spagnolo back with us again. Sam went to Boston for a series of x-rays and other tests. Now we know why Vic Vareschi was singing "Let Me Go". Art Molleur's gain is our loss. Good luck, Vic. Boys we haven't a very large department now, so how about contributing to your column? I'm sure you would all like to have your name in the LOG once in a while. Also, if anyone from the AC Dry's has anything, please notify one of your reporters as they would be happy to put it in for you.

### Building No. 7 Offices

by Selma Sabín

DEPARTMENTAL QUIZ: Problem for Today: What if  $+Y=X$ . For Example: "What if" a rubber glove was blown up like a balloon? Answer: Wearing lipstick, rouge, blood-shot eyes and Alex Petro's hat, it would visit the Methods Department. No. 1—What if Frank Patterson ACTUALLY had a TV set? No. 2—No one in the department liked white sweaters? No. 3—Lou Sealise, Esquire (?) couldn't keep certain people to their no-smoking contract? No. 4—Hearing aid buttons and cords connected to radio sets became the office vogue? No. 5—The beer-filled mugs and pretzel design on the socks Joan Paradise is knitting were edible? No. 6—Bill Campedelli was written up in the LOG each month? No. 7—Stuart Pead had a ski tow built at the State Teacher's College?



Linda Crittelli, is the 3½ year old daughter of Lea Crittelli of the Filter Development department.

### Shipping

by Cecile Trudeau

Welcome to the Shipping department Mary Daub and Genevieve Beckwith. Also welcome back to Joanne Saltamartini who has returned from a leave of absence. We all miss Ann Tremblay and Claire Corsi who are out on leaves of absence and Ruth Livsey who has been transferred to Factory Engineering. A pink and blue shower was held recently for Claire Corsi and Ann Tremblay at the home of Joanne Saltamartini. June Pringle is all smiles these days. The reason—she is wearing a beautiful diamond ring. Jean Phelps is the proud aunt of a nephew born in Germany on March 7th.

Heat Seal Department: We all miss Ted Grogan who has accepted a job as truck driver for the Newway Express of Springfield. We all wish him luck on his new job. Welcome to the Heat-Seal department, Francis Stanton. We all miss Henry Frederick who is now working at G. E. in Pittsfield.

### Round Midget Assembly

by Jennie Garceau

My, my! What a lot of birthdays we are celebrating this month. George Ross and Emeline Lescarbeau, at this writing, had had their birthday cakes and gifts, and cards. Many more are in line for this as there are 12 in the room with birthdays in March. May they all enjoy many years of happiness. So many are planning their Easter outfits and we do hope nice weather is here for the holiday. We have had some slippery walking this winter, and Rita DiSanti is at the North Adams hospital and Nina Buckley is at home as results of their falls. Ida Chilson is on vacation and Midge Valotta has returned to us after being out for a week. Rose Lancto presented Emy Lescarbeau with a very pretty letter opener on her birthday. Emy will find plenty of use for this gadget, opening all the mail that she gets. A big welcome from the whole line to Mary Leja's new daughter on Monday, March 12 at the



Little Cheryl Eileen Taft, was still in the North Adams Hospital Nursery when the above picture was taken. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Taft, whose grandmother Madge Taft works in the Small Order department on Brown Street.



This picture of Peter V. Mancuso was taken in Nova Scotia, while duck hunting with Louis Cronin in 1952.

Plunkett Memorial Hospital in Adams. May she grow up healthy and bring lots of joy and happiness to her family. Stanley Leja is the proud father.

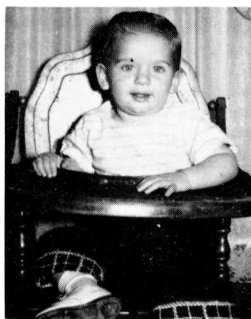
### Test Equipment, Research and Engineering

by Mary Cantoni

It's farewell to Glen Frank who is leaving us. It was nice knowing you and we hope you don't forget us. Congratulations to Jeanne Murphy on her purchase of a Ford Thunderbird. Now watch her kick up dust. The happy smile on Mary Mazza these days is due to her son's being home on a 14-day convalescence leave. Ed Lamphier decided to buy a motor boat for the next rainy season. The horses have failed Bill Champagny, but not a care has Bill. Anyone wanting a good pair of walking shoes, see Bill. They're more reliable than horses. Robert Bardsley, who has been home on a sick leave, thanks everyone for their kind thoughts. What was that shadow that just went by? Oh! that was Bill Pratt. Hi, Slim!! Everyone in the department has been invited to help Russ Hansen lay the cornerstone in Williamstown. John "Kiki" Aldrich



Dennis James, 4 and Rose Marie, 3, are the children of Mel Trimarchi of Formation on Marshall Street, and Irene Trimarchi of Metal Clad, Beaver Street.



This bright-eyed youngster is Michael Danforth—age 1 year old. He is the son of Paul Danforth of the Ceramics department and Elaine Danforth of Tantalum.



Sandy and Frankie Hewitt, 7 years old and 8 months old, are the children of Nellie Hewitt. Their grandmother, Maskina Morin, works on Brown Street.

has that sad expression again. Seems that Adams High lost an important game by a little more than 7 points. Ed Lamphier's daughter, Linda, was married to Robert Sheppard of Williamstown. Now Ed can breathe a sigh of relief. Should you be wandering through the Test department and hear your name mentioned from afar, it's only Mary Mazza. Mary lost her voice a while ago. It must be catching too, because after a brief vacation in Reading, Pa., yours truly came back sounding a little weak in the vocal department. Arnold Korelitz has completed a short course in the art of cooking with R. F. energy. "Shocking, wasn't it, Arnie?"

### Employe and Community Relations

by Mary Pat Riley

"Welcome back" is extended to Agnes Douglas, Sandy Primmer and Vassily de Samsonow who have been on the sick list. Patricia Deame recently spent a weekend in Newark, New Jersey. Three of our ardent skiers, Fred Whitham, Toby Tobin and George Bateman, have been thankful for all the snow we have had this year, even if some of us aren't! Their skis have had a good workout. Jackie LeMoine and Sylvia Flanders are busy making plans for their weddings in June. Lidija Augstkalne recently spent a weekend in New York City. She attended the opera "Lohengrin" which she enjoyed very much. We don't think Lidija should go again, because she wasn't feeling too well after she came back! We miss Paul Luse and John Ricci who have left us.

### Advertising

by Janice Fowler

Everywhere you look these days you see diamonds and more diamonds. Bernie Fortini finally talked Dick into making the big step and Jan Reopell



These two fine boys are Vincent 7, and Ernest, 8, sons of Dorothy DeSanty, of Industrial Oil Final Assembly on Brown Street, and nephews of Elizabeth Cross, Marshall street, and Beatrice Gebeau, Elinor DeSanty, and Thomas DeSanty, all of Brown Street.



Little Catherine Morin LaDue was doing some serious thinking when this picture was taken! She is the daughter of Dorothy, of Clorinol Rolling, and was 1½ years old at Christmas time.

has received her ring from still another Dick. That's really taking advantage of Leap Year, girls. All kidding aside, both rings are very beautiful and how can thereof ussinglegirlsgoabout-snaggingans? We bid fond farewell to Al Bourassa, who has joined the Navy, and to Caleb Harriman. It's been fun working with these crazy characters and we'll miss them both. Hello to George Perrino who has joined our ranks as stock clerk. Hope you like it here in little Siberia, George. Several of the gang were served rope spaghetti (a new concoction) at a winding held at Jan Fowler's. So how was I to know you should stir the darn stuff during the cooking process?????

### Executive Offices

by Susan Canero

The gang had a lovely evening Thursday, March 1st at a farewell party for Betty Bastable who has left us to go back to Boston. A nice time was had at Mollie Avery's beforehand, a good meal and good company at the Williams Inn, and wound up the evening at Alice Bratcher's for a short visit. Thanks to all for such a pleasant time.

### Retail Sales

by Betty Jangrow

Several members of the faithful rooters of Adams followed their team to Springfield on March 6. Although Adams lost, everyone enjoyed a very exciting game. Philip K. Collins, fireman in the U.S. Navy stationed at Long Beach, California, had the opportunity to be present at the Annual Rose Bowl game. He took many beautiful snapshots which he had sent to his sister Cathy who works with us. Before entering the service, Philip worked in Building 21. At present he is stationed on the tanker U.S.S. Kawiskiwi, awaiting orders to leave for Japan sometime in April. We hope that all the people who have been out on sick leave will be as healthy as ever real soon.

### Dry Tubular Assembly

by Margaret Champagny and Gladys Sullivan

Well, it's been a long winter, but we all hope it will end real soon. Pat O'Neil has returned to work after being ill with a virus. We welcome our Rita Cardinal back from a long leave of absence. She has a beautiful baby boy. We also tender birthday greetings to Rita on March 14. Jim and Barbara Randall have bought a home on Reservoir Road. Good luck, kids, and happy living! Ann Fortin has moved to a newly decorated apartment and says it is wonderful. Rosilda Boucher recently spent a weekend in Hartford, Conn., visiting her daughter and son-in-law. Tessie Czaja attended the capping ceremony at Springfield Hospital on March 8th. Her niece Jacolyn Langer was capped. Well, folks, short and sweet—that's us this month. Watch for more next month.



7½ months old Brian Gary Mull is really having a good laugh for himself. He is the grandson of Edith Jones of Metal Clad.

Maintenance Department

by Dorothy Buzzell

We miss Annibale DePaoli in Building 17. Mr. DePaoli has retired after being with the company for over 10 years. Now is the time to enjoy yourself, Annibale. Vacations are starting in this department. Dominic Bernardi spent one week of his vacation renovating his home. Yours truly enjoyed herself in Springfield for a week recently. Congratulations to Forrest Sherman of the Sheetmetal department on his election as constable in Clarksburg. The girls in the Maintenance department and Maintenance cost control feted Tom Dion recently in honor of his birthday by taking him to Florini's to dinner. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Oakley on the birth of a daughter.



Betty Fleury was surprised on her birthday recently when the young man on the lunch wagon brought in a cake for her that he had made himself. If you look, closely, you will see the numbers "103" for Betty's age. We knew this was for a joke, of course, and we'll never tell the right number that should be there!!

F.P. Ovens and Cover Assembly

by Marguerite Daub

The girls from the ovens had a very enjoyable evening at Annie Petersons' home last month. It was lovely, Annie, and we thank you. Catherine Coody has a new granddaughter. This makes thirteen for her. The baby's father is her son George. Michael, My lad and Danny Boy have a sister Kathy now. They are all the grandchildren of Emma McCuen. They live in Flushing, New York. Mary Roberts is back from her vacation, which she spent moving. Had a grand time? Evelyn Lyons spent her time at home visiting her husband who is in the hospital. She has talent in her family! Minnie, her black cat, performed in a minstrel at Greylock School held by the Girl Scouts. Emma Reardon is still out on sick leave. Take care of yourself and hurry back, Emma. Joe Masson is still out also.

Prokar and Polyester Impregnation

by Reginald Rowett

Hello everyone! This is your new reporter taking over where Norman Miller left off, and hoping to do as well with your cooperation. Congratulations to Nancy Doan, who is the proud aunt of Wendy Claire McGlynn, born March 4th. The proud father is Joe McGlynn of the Machine Shop. Will see you next month with more news.

F. P. Assembly

by Grace McConnell

Rita Cooper and Lorraine MacKay are sporting around in new cars. Lorraine has a dark green Ford convertible and Rita has a blue and cream Ford Victoria. Minnie Geddes spent the weekend in Boston. While there, she saw the Ice Follies at the Boston Garden. Rita Cooper and her family went on the excursion to the Ice Follies also. Lee Charbonneau was presented a beautiful cake on her birthday by her friend and former co-worker Evelyn Prystas. Minnie Hamlin enjoyed a very pleasant vacation. She toured the coast of Florida, stopping in Miami for three days. Our foreman Zig Nash and family attended the Flower Show in Springfield. I overheard a couple of the boys talking about the Minstrel Shows that we used to have to raise funds for needy causes, and everyone wished they would come back again. (Maybe they have something there.) Violet Shea is walking on air these days. The reason is that her son has received his discharge from the Air Force at Denver, Colo. Blondie saw Adams play in the Western Massachusetts tournament at Springfield. It was too bad, but Adams bowed out in the first game.

Ceramics

by Ida Gigliotti

Congratulations to Carleton Hamilton who became the father of a son on February 1. We're glad to hear Jimmy Paquin is feeling better now. Congratulations to John Newman on his wedding anniversary. The cake sure tasted good. Best wishes to Charles Landry on his birthday. Also, many happy returns of the day for his anniversary. Birthday greetings are extended to Mr. Francis Wilson. We were sorry to see Louis Ross leave after being with us so long. Louis has left for another job.

Sales Office

by Jane Delisle and Kay Baroni

So long to Florence Siciliano who is leaving us this month, and welcome to Bruna Vivori who is taking her place working for Jerry O'Grady. Goodby also to Joan Farinon who has left us to await a Blessed Event! Joan was presented a stuffed toy and a gift of money from the office. Will we ever forget the first day Joan Blanchette came in wearing that smock?? Incidentally, Joan, whatever happened to it? Ask Martha Harvey where the phone was the day she couldn't find it! Gee whiz, Martha, it was right there all the time! Congratulations to Ginger Mulcahy, who was chosen a member of the court at the American Legion Ball. At the February 27 Western Gateway Skiers Hop, the Sales Office was certainly well represented in the court—members of which included Doris Hartman,

Madeleine Rougeau and Barbara Marceau. Speaking of Barbara Marceau, she certainly is unlucky at BINGO. Seems like she's always one number off! As we go to press, Sylvia Borowski, who used to work with us, was still at the North Adams Hospital after an automobile accident on Curran Highway. Hope this finds her feeling much better! Requested by Joan Blanchette—an automatic brush to brush you off while sharpening pencils. Anyone using our pencil sharpener will understand. A surprise visitor to the office this week was Marion Clark who used to work for Fritz Windover. Marion, who is now teaching again, looked wonderful and told us she loves her work very much. We hear Nancy Barber is going to be a bridesmaid at Jane's wedding! Oh, Nancy, we can hardly wait to see you. Belated welcome to Mary Gallant who has recently joined the ranks. Mary is filing. What's this, Stacia? You smiling at strange men in the hallways? Lucky, lucky Bill Russell. Two weeks of Colorado skiing. How do you do it?

Filter Development Coil Winding Room

by Jeannette Cady

Sorry to have Claire Martin, Edythe Peltier, Alfred Bellew leave us. We enjoyed having them with us and hope they like their new jobs. Welcome back to Margaret Starr. Now that you are better, we hope you'll be with us a long time. Good luck to Mary Alice Lefebvre, who is on leave of absence waiting the arrival of Mr. Stork. Francis Stawarz just isn't the same fellow in work now since a certain little gal was transferred. Gerry Guisti is sure glad her guppy finally had her babies. She couldn't take any more of this waiting. Many happy returns of the day to Jeannette Cady who celebrated her birthday on March 22. We're glad to see Anne Scully is feeling better and finally got rid of the bug. It sure does take a lot out of a person. From now on, just call him "Zip" Hamilton, and he was not given this name because he is the fastest moving guy in the room. "Mike" Morin has been named "Weather Forecaster" for the coilwinder room. It seems no matter what kind of weather Mike predicts, it comes true. What magic do you use? Too bad, Frank, that Adams lost. Better luck next time, if they get the chance.

Filter Development

by Julia Desrosiers

We all miss Ruth Harris, Lenc Cimmonetti and Marilyn Haley and hope they like their new positions. Birthday greetings to Jean Wheeler, Dorothy Belanger and Alida Heath. Ethel Murphy not only makes good fudge—she also turns out beautiful birthday cakes. Harriet Sherman is waiting for Easter when her son Biff will



Here are Diana 10, Terry, 2½, and Michael 8, the children of Dick Davine who works in the Sample Department on Brown Street, and Barbara who is employed in the Pulse Transformers room on Beaver Street. A mighty fine looking family there.

be home for a vacation. A very happy Easter is wished for everyone. We are happy to hear Rita Blouin's daughter Mickey has recovered. Who is the nice looking fellow with the curly hair that Jane Karrey rode with to Williamstown?

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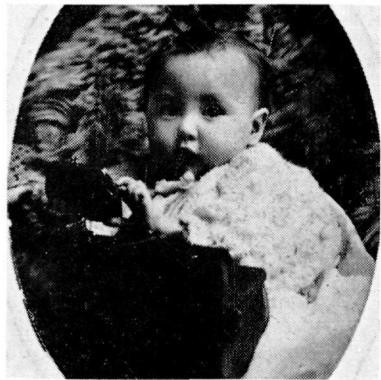
by Suzette Lemieux

Bertha Richards and her son Paul enjoyed their trip to the Ice Follies in Boston on February 19 on the Eagles' Excursion. The Jack Silvia's apartment is taking on a new glow, thanks to Jack's (non-union) talents in painting, tiling, etc. Rose Bua and Al Richards are also practicing the art of interior decorating in their new apartment on Cole Avenue, Williamstown. The deadline is April 28. George Ferran thought there was a general walk-out on February 27 when our time clock read "10:39 a.m." but was relieved to find that it was really noon-time. Just a power failure!

Filter Department

Marjorie Richer and Alice Monette

Betty Fleury had a very happy birthday this year. Not only did her friends and relatives remember her, but the fellow on the lunch wagon brought her a birthday cake, which he made himself. That was a nice gesture, Roy Clark. (See this page for picture of cake.) We received a letter recently from our two Filter boys in the service—Donald Adams and Donald Faivreau. Both seem to like it very much. Strangers? Not these two! When George Lord came in to replace Ray Shartrand as shipper, recently, we found to our surprise that they were old acquaintances. George replaced Ray once before at Brown Street when Ray went into the service. Quite a coincidence!! We welcome George and say farewell to Ray.



Another "Guess Who". This one is Helen Sikora of Metal Clad Tubular Finish at the age of 6 months, who looks as if she's digging right into that purse which is in her hands!

Congratulations to Shirley Adams on the birth of a daughter Lisa Marie. Congratulations to Carol Senecal, daughter of Henrietta who was awarded highest honors at Drury High School. She will be valedictorian of her class. The best part of it was that it was a complete surprise to her mother, who read about it in the paper. Mary Saunders left us last week to await the arrival of the Saunders heir. A party was held for her at Taconic Park. Ray Shartrand leaves us also this month. Good luck in your new job, Ray.

Anniversaries . . .

March 1, Mr. and Mrs. Amelio Ariazi, 10th.  
March 6, Mr. and Mrs. James Rowe, 2nd.

Baby Talk - - -

February 1, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Hamilton, son.  
February 1, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cummings, daughter.  
February 22, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamman, son.  
March 1, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Braman, daughter.

Going My Way

Dorothy Ghidotti and Alfred J. Golonka, Jr.  
Theresa Bushika and Amedeo Pontier  
Orlyn Bliss and Clayton Bryant  
Dorothy Zieba and Guy Pelletier  
Jeanne Kendrick and Robert Shook  
John Penneck and Dorothy Thomas

Happy Birthday

- March
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|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Leona Charbonneau   |
| 1  | Maude Convery       |
| 2  | Bernadette Richmond |
| 2  | George Klucky       |
| 2  | Norman LaBree       |
| 2  | Carol Lynn          |
| 3  | George Ross         |
| 3  | Cecile Trudeau      |
| 4  | Ruth Wright         |
| 5  | Mary Roy            |
| 6  | Leonard Lavendol    |
| 7  | Mae O'Neil          |
| 8  | Lillian Fenton      |
| 9  | Frances Gayda       |
| 9  | Irene Boulterice    |
| 9  | Emeline Lescarbeau  |
| 10 | Margaret Bradley    |
| 11 | Robert Johnson      |
| 12 | Jack Silvia         |
| 12 | Helen Goodermote    |
| 13 | Charles Landry      |
| 13 | Emily Suprenant     |
| 14 | Maude Waska         |
| 15 | Patricia Deame      |
| 17 | Betty Barcomb       |
| 17 | Janet Reopell       |
| 18 | John Fabricius      |
| 19 | Kay O'Connor        |
| 19 | Blanche Tatro       |
| 19 | Joseph Mantello     |
| 20 | Jennie Garceau      |
| 20 | Jennie Matranga     |
| 20 | Hank Lepicier       |
| 21 | Jo Magin            |
| 22 | Maurice LaFond      |
| 22 | Jeannette Cady      |
| 22 | Beverly DuBois      |
| 22 | Madeline Harrigan   |
| 23 | Ronald Morse        |
| 23 | George Remillard    |
| 24 | Josephine Aragose   |
| 24 | Joanne Aragose      |
| 26 | Edna Mahar          |
| 27 | Clara Catotti       |
| 27 | Zigmond Nash        |
| 28 | Tom Dion            |
| 28 | Alice Green         |
| 28 | Arthur Heyes        |
| 28 | Ann Urquhart        |
| 29 | Mary Collier        |
| 30 | Romona Turgeon      |
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| 31 | Marguerite LaCasse  |

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